

Proclamation

WHEREAS, In 1926, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson launched the celebration of Negro History Week; and

WHEREAS, February 1986 marked the beginning of National Black History Month to honor, recognize, promote and preserve Black history and culture; and

WHEREAS, The theme for the 2021 Ramsey County and City of Saint Paul Black History Month observance is “Recognizing the Black Family”; and

WHEREAS, The Black family is recognized for its long history and contributions nationally and locally – from the foundations built upon forced slavery; the migration across the United States for a better life; the building of local communities, faith-based organizations and businesses; and many notable historical and contemporary examples of the Black family as a powerful force and voice for social change; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County recognizes and celebrates the Black family and their connection, heritage, and commitment to one another and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County recognizes how the Black family has helped to shape a future that is progressive through positive change, connected through old traditions, and that has secured fundamental rights of self-determination and racial justice in our communities and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The role of the Black family has provided the foundation for intimate conversations between elders, parents and caregivers with their children and family about lived experiences, history and traditions; and

WHEREAS, The Black family continues to build legacies that are rich in history, and that guides individuals and communities; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners recognizes February as Black History Month in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners urges all Ramsey County employees and residents to honor, celebrate and support the Black family, as they hold deep roots of wisdom, progress, and resilience.



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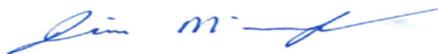
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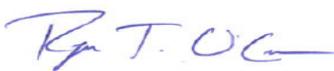
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